

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 PM, President Teals called the June 09, 2026, Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Teals, Vice President Ketterer, Director Dexter, Director Perry, Director Meise, Executive General Manager Sam Castro, and Legal Counsel Brian Iller were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Teals called on the board members to approve the agenda. Director Dexter made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

President Teals called on the board members to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from the 05/12/26 Regular Board Meeting, Bills/Checks (#19956 - #19985); and Rehabilitation Voucher #1000297 totaling \$197,788.37 and Irrigation Voucher #1000297 totaling \$34,976.54. Vice President Ketterer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clark Schweigert

Mr. Schweigert stated that he would really like the Board to consider collecting fees for Connelly Park. He noted that collecting fees would help offset the cost of park expenses to the MLIRD ratepayers. President Teals said he would like to review the stipulations for Connelly Park and determine whether collecting fees is possible to do so. President Teals asked Mr. Schweigert to set up a meeting with Executive General Manager Sam Castro to review the federal regulations governing Connelly Park. Mr. Schweigert also stated that the District should consider a partnership with the City of Moses Lake regarding the boat launches at City parks.

Fran Grant

Mrs. Grant asked that the Board consider adding a video recordings of MLIRD public meetings to the MLIRD website.

PRESENTATIONS

Louis Logan with the Kiwanis Club presented Mr. Richard Teals with an Certificate of Recognition for excellence in education, coaching, and community service, recognizing his contributions to the Moses Lake community.

Andrew Whalen with Basin Tree Services gave a brief update on the ongoing work at Connelly Park to remove the fallen trees from the thunderstorm. Their goal is to remove all the trees and debris within one to two weeks.

MLIRD BOARD REPORT

Executive General Manager Sam Castro gave a brief update on the monthly business of the District.

- Lake level was 1046.73 feet
- MLIRD staff continues to coordinate efforts with the USBR regarding the water level of Moses Lake. Executive General Manager had a quarterly meeting with Marc Maynard with the USBR. Earlier in the year, the USBR stated they were considering raising the lake level to 1047.5 feet, and MLIRD spoke on behalf of the ratepayers. The USBR ultimately did not raise the lake level past 1047.0 feet. MLIRD also coordinated with the USBR to open two of the Moses Lake North Dam gates due to the amount of water the USBR was releasing. Those two gates are now closed for the rest of the season.
- MLIRD staff met with the insurance adjuster at Connelly Park to review the damage caused by the storm. The insurance adjuster stated that each tree would likely cost approximately \$10,000 to remove. Some of the fallen trees were more than 100 feet tall. Basin Tree Services' arborist and staff assessed all of the trees, including those still standing. Some standing trees were red-flagged by the arborist for removal due to the safety risk they posed to the public. A total of 25 trees will be removed. The MLIRD Board President and Executive General Manager signed a Declaration of Emergency to move forward quickly with the work needed to reopen Connelly Park to the public. The Memorandum of Insurance Coverage outlines several deadlines that must be met in order to receive insurance funds. Grant County Fire District 5 also visited the MLIRD office and shared testimony regarding how critical Connelly Park is for emergency responders to access lake water to help extinguish fires. Multiple agencies and community members have also contacted MLIRD about donating trees to replace the fallen ones.
- Aquatechnex, LLC was awarded the 2026 Aquatic Weed Contract. Executive General Manager Sam Castro will be surveying the lake with Aquatechnex, LLC staff tomorrow by boat to identify the areas that will be treated this year.
- MLIRD staff have been networking with U.S. Senator Patty Murray's office. The point of contact has been Toni Ball, the Central Washington Regional Community Outreach Director for U.S. Senator Patty Murray's office. She will come to Moses Lake on July 21, 2026 to meet with MLIRD Staff, learn more about the District, and tour MLIRD's facilities and the Parker Horn Pump Station. The goal is to discuss restoration of the Parker Horn Pump Station and phosphorus mitigation through federal grants.
- MLIRD has also been in communication with John Stuhlmiller of the Washington State Water Resource Association and has sent him a letter regarding the importance of restoring the Parker Horn Pump Station. John Stuhlmiller is the Executive Director for WSWRA and is a strong advocate for agricultural water and irrigation districts.
- MLIRD's Federal Grant has been accepted and is now finalized.
- MLIRD has received one of the harvesters purchased this year.
- MLIRD Open House is tentatively scheduled for September 8, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:55 PM to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i). Possible action may be taken after Executive Session. The expected time was 5 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 6:00 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 6:00 PM.

No action was taken.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-009 – Declaring A State of Emergency Arising From Severe High Wind Damage at Connelly Park

Director Meise made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-009. Vice President Ketterer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

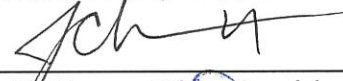
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Perry stated that he would like to see a yearly or quarterly newsletter mailed out to explain to the Moses Lake community what MLIRD does. Executive General Manager Sam Castro noted that MLIRD staff are currently working on putting together a pamphlet. Director Meise stated that he would like to see the District work towards creating a Facebook page to provide updates on MLIRD projects. Executive General Manager Sam Castro also noted that projects like these require additional staff hours that will require hiring additional office staff.

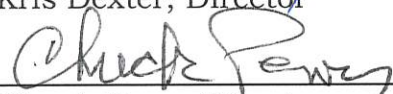
ADJOURNMENT

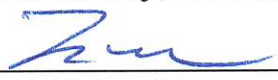
Vice President Ketterer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

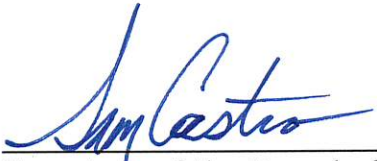

Richard Teals, President


Joe Ketterer, Vice President


Kris Dexter, Director


Chuck Perry, Director


Fred Meise, Director

By: 
Secretary of the Board of Directors
Sam Castro, C.P.O.